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NEWS FROM CYPRUS

John Knowles, Linda Leblanc, and Ronald "Russ" Russell at the Paphos Health & Well-Being Exhibition

The best evidence for The Monroe Institute's global reach lies in the activities of TMI *OUTREACH* facilitators and professional members beyond United States borders. This is especially obvious in the island nation of Cyprus where professional member and *OUTREACH* facilitator Linda Leblanc resides with her husband, John Knowles, a former United Nations diplomat.

Linda and John are close friends of Ronald (Russ) and Jill Russell, who spent two restorative weeks with them in early March 2009. Russ and Jill are British citizens who live in Scotland, where they spread the word about TMI. They are involved with establishing a center that will offer Monroe-style programs. The Russells are members of the TMI Board of Advisors, as well as professional members.

During the visit to Cyprus, Russ gave a radio interview on Cyprus National Broadcasting on March 6 and discussed his book *The Journey of Robert Monroe*.

On Sunday, March 8, the two couples hosted a Hemi-Sync® grads and friends open afternoon. The opportunity to be with like-minded souls was much appreciated by about twenty visitors, three of whom had attended the *GATEWAY VOYAGE* in Europe.

The agenda for March 9 included a meeting with the founder and retired chief executive officer (CEO) of Disabilities Trust (UK) to discuss Hemi-Sync as a resource for people who had suffered brain damage. Russ made plans to contact the current CEO for further discussion on his return to Great Britain.

Linda and the Russells visited the Paphos Hospice on March 13 and met with the hospice director, Dr. Aristos Georghiou. They lent him the *SURGICAL SUPPORT* series. The hospice is open-minded, and they have complementary therapists working with the staff, family, and patients and offering Reiki, massage, etc. They are also starting to use *METAMUSIC*®. The two *GOING HOME* albums were donated as well. One therapist who had attended two *OUTREACH* courses recently told Linda that she reads the *GATEWAY* Affirmation to patients and finds that they settle down quickly on hearing it.

On March 14–15, Russ and Jill joined Linda and John at their Hemi-Sync display table at the annual Paphos Health and Well-Being Exhibition. Russ signed copies of his books, *The Vast Enquiring Soul*, *Focusing the Whole Brain*, and *The Journey of Robert Monroe*. Linda gave a PowerPoint presentation, “Psychic Imprints from Past Lives,” on March 14. It was so well

attended that the organizers had to bring in extra chairs. The talk included Bob Monroe's Tower story and a short guided meditation with *METAMUSIC* and the *Reincarnation Cards*® created by John and Linda in collaboration with Patty Ray Avalon, artist and TMI residential program facilitator. The cards are part of the *Awakening Far Memory* set and are available from the TMI Store. During this presentation, which Jill and Russ sat in on, at least two people in the audience were deeply moved when the colorful, evocative images were flashed on the screen. Jill helped to hold the energy, and playing *METAMUSIC* really seemed to open things up during the presentation.

In the midst of the visit, *The Cyprus Weekly*—Cyprus's largest English-language newspaper—featured "On a Mission," a profile of Linda, in its magazine *Flair*. The article spotlighted her support of ecologically sound policies and open government in her position as the first foreigner elected to the council of the town of Peyia, as well as her involvement in personal development through offering the *EXCURSION* workshops. The Monroe vision is obviously well represented in Cyprus.

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